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MCCARTHY TO VOTE 'NO' ON MCCONE

Pattern Of Information About CIA Chief Is Cited To Senate

(Washington Bureau of The Sun)
Washington, Jan. 19 — Senator McCarthy (D., Minn.) told the Senate today that he will vote against the nomination of John A. McCone as the new head of the Central Intelligence Agency because of the "total pattern" of information available about him.

In the opening speech of what promises to be at least a three-day wrangle over the McCone appointment, the Minnesota Senator charged that the appointee had never taken positions on complicated foreign affairs which the Senate could scrutinize.

Vote Delay Approved

And he added that there isn't much evidence that the California oil man and former Atomic Energy Commission chairman knows much about foreign affairs.

Just before the McCone debate opened, Senator Mansfield (D., Mont.), majority leader of the Senate, received unanimous consent of the Senate to delay the vote on the McCone nomination until Wednesday afternoon.

The delay was being requested, he said, at the urging of an unnamed Senator, who wished to be present for the debate, and who would not return to Washington until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The unnamed Senator is believed to be Senator Morse (D., Ore.) who is in South America, and whose office says he will return Wednesday morning.

New Directing Agency

McCone, who is a Republican, received a recess appointment to head the CIA, and has been in active charge of the agency since last November.

Senators Jackson (D., Wash.), Anderson (D., N.M.) and Symington (D., Mo.), clustered around McCarthy as he spoke in the near-empty Senate chamber, and heckled him constantly.

Jackson and Symington scolded the Minnesota Senator for allegedly discussing secret operations of the CIA in public debate.

And when the speaker charged that the CIA had taken "public credit for its part in the successful revolutions in Iran and Guatemala," Jackson challenged him to produce proof that the secret agency had said anything at all about these operations.

McCarthy agreed to lay the proof before the Senate.

21 Others Approved

He argued that McCone should be more thoroughly scrutinized than any other Presidential appointee. Because the CIA has sweeping powers with very little congressional supervision.

The Senate earlier had quickly given its approval to 21 other Presidential appointments, including several of the top figures in the recent State Department shake-up.

Symington interrupted McCarthy at one point to remind him that the Senate twice before had approved McCone's appointment to other high Government posts.

"You might have a man who is a fine drummer," McCarthy retorted, "but that doesn't qualify him to play first violin."

Agency Has Vast Powers

The secret agency has been granted vast powers to spend money without accounting, and to operate largely on its own.

McCarthy said he favored a congressional watchdog committee but that any other supervisory machinery would do so long as it was effective.

Turning again to McCone, the Minnesota Senator declared that the "total pattern" of information about him does not merit a favorable vote now.

"If I were called upon to vote, I'd have to say no, at the present time," he told the Senate.